



Malaria in the South-East Asia region: Myth & the reality

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Abstract:

Malaria continues to remain a major public health problem worldwide. Much emphasis in the past has been on sub-Saharan Africa due to its heavy burden. However, concerned with the persisting situation of malaria in Africa as well as other regions, the 60th World Health Assembly passed a resolution in 2007 calling for intensified prevention and control efforts globally, and elimination of malaria in areas where this was feasible and sustainable¹. Parasite resistance to antimalarials, rapidly changing human lifestyles, as well as ecological and environmental changes have also helped focus on a disease long neglected by the international community. The Roll Back Malaria (RBM) programme of the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1998 focused firmly on Africa² for several years until 2006, when the new WHO Global Malaria Programme (GMP) was launched³. The focus on Africa was understandable due to the burden it suffers; nearly 90 per cent of the estimated one million preventable malaria deaths occur in Africa⁴. It is however a myth that malaria is a problem of Africa only. Clearly, malaria and other vector-borne diseases pose a huge problem in Asia, particularly the 11 member countries of the South-East Asia (SEA) Region and deserve due attention both at the national and international levels.[...]

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Resource Description

Exposure :

weather or climate related pathway by which climate change affects health

Unspecified Exposure

Geographic Feature:

resource focuses on specific type of geography

None or Unspecified

Geographic Location:

resource focuses on specific location

Non-United States

Non-United States: Asia

Asian Region/Country: Other Asian Region

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Other Asian Region: southeast asia

Health Impact: ☒

specification of health effect or disease related to climate change exposure

Infectious Disease

Infectious Disease: Vectorborne Disease

Vectorborne Disease: Mosquito-borne Disease

Mosquito-borne Disease: Malaria

Resource Type: ☒

format or standard characteristic of resource

Policy/Opinion

Timescale: ☒

time period studied

Time Scale Unspecified